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Student groups prepare for strike

Canadian Federation of Students criticizes Axworthy workbook

by Shira Katz

The federal government is not letting students have their say in the debate over proposed changes to Canada's social safety net, according to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

In a meeting Tuesday at McGill University CFS national executive Michael Temelini cited the "workbook" published for the general public by the federal Ministry of Human Resources, titled *Have Your Say About Social Policy Reform*, as a primary reason for students' anger.

The workbook restates the Liberal government's proposed changes but also offers a questionnaire asking for the public's opinion on the changes. It has been criticized by students and workers because the government has predetermined the topics of discussion.

Temelini circulated an alternative workbook modeled after the government's *Have your Say* workbook, titled *Lay it on Lloyd: It's time to really have your say in truly improving Canada's social programs.*

Published by the Council of Canadians and CFS, *Lay it on Lloyd* asks multiple choice questions which satirize the government's proposed changes.

"It's trying to reach Canadians ... to show the farce of the consultative process and to get a response across the country from Canadians," said Michael Mancinelli, deputy chairperson of CFS.

In addition to multiple choice questions, the document argues that Canada can fight its deficit without reducing social programs. It cites "lowering interest rates, investing in long-term job creation and making sure that corporations and upper income earners pay."

Temelini also stressed the importance of mobilizing students and workers across the country for the national strike on January 25 to show that they don't accept the reforms as they stand.

Which of the following employment tools do you think people would find most useful if they had just lost their job or were looking for work? Check only those that you think are most useful.

1. More tax subsidies to corporations
2. Training programs for jobs that don't exist
3. Programs that punish the poor for their plight
4. More trade agreements that cost Canadians their jobs
5. A national commitment to full employment

—courtesy of the Council of Canadians and the CFS

Louis-Mathieu Loiselle, vice-president of the Fédération Etudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ), agreed that students must work together. He said that his group is now in a position to support the national strike, but will focus their own efforts in organizing a Quebec-wide event for February 7, one day after Axworthy will be tabling his proposals in Parliament.

Tuesday's meeting was organized by Students for Social Justice, which has been meeting regularly to raise awareness about the Axworthy reforms at McGill. SSJ members will be going into McGill classrooms to distribute pamphlets detailing why students and workers across the country will strike back on January 25.

The January 25 protest will start at 2:30 pm at Complexe Guy Favreau. For more information dial toll-free 1-800-567-0868.

AGENDA

The Agenda is a free service to publicize events of interest to the Concordia community. Priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office, room H-649 in the Hall building, or mail it, to *the Link*–Agenda. Deadlines are 4pm, Friday for Tuesday issues, and 4 pm Wednesday for Friday issues.

Friday, January 13

"Cultural Communities Facing Aids: attitudes, behaviors and resources.- a seminar by Tim Daus coordinator of the study *Ethnocultural Communities Facing Aids.* 12 noon - 1pm Amphitheatre, Montreal Childrens Hospital. 934-4400 (2750).

Monday, January 16

Watching Women - Movie Night Free films for women. First screening: The Ultimate women's road movie *thelma and louise* 6pm, 2020 Mackay. 848-7431.

WOMEN

The Montréal Assault Prevention Centre offers a self-defense course called ACTION for women. Each course provides verbal and physical techniques to help women deal with any type of aggression. To register call: 284-1212.

SOS Violence conjugale 24 hour crisis intervention a shelter referral. 873-9010.

Mouvement contre le viol: 842-5040.

Women's Empowerment Circle will be meeting this semester at the Concordia Women's Centre. Come share support and empowerment with other women. Wednesdays at 7;00 pm beginning January 26. For more info or to pre-register, leave a message for Anet at 848-7431.

24 Hour Hotline & Crisis Line, Montreal Sexual Assault Centre, 934-4504.

Body Image Support / Discussion Group Are you preoccupied by feelings of dissatisfaction with your body? The Concordia Women's Centre offers a group where women can discuss the personal and political aspects of body image and self-esteem. Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, beginning January 24. For more info call Susan or Myrna at 848-7431.

Concordia Women's Centre provides a lounge area for women in the University Community, referral and support, information and community notice boards. 2020 Mackay, downstairs. 848-7431.

Centre des femmes de Montréal: Services de première ligne, 842-4780; Service aux femmes immigrantes, 842-0814; Option'Elle, 842-6652; Formation'Elle, 842-4776.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre provides free counselling and emotional support, medical assessment and treatment, information on police and court procedures, court accompaniment, support groups for survivors and public education on sexual assault issues. Info: 934-4504.

Centre for AIDS Services for Women needs volunteers. Info: 954-0170, Basia.

Committee Against Human Life International: Women interested in planning a protest against the Montreal conference of this racist, anti-Muslim, anti-semitic, homophobic, anti-choice organization can leave messages for the committee against Human Life International at the Concordia Women's Centre, 848-7431.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre needs volunteers for its 24 hour telephone crisis line. Concerned, bilingual women should call 934-4504, 934-9354.

The Concordia Student Safety Patrol needs female volunteers! If you have an extra 6 hours/month, please sign up. 848-8700.

Free Films for Women / Wimmin / Womyn presented by the Concordia Women's Centre on Monday nights this semester. For Date and time and title screening call the Centre at 848-7431.

Big Gals & Goddesses, wanna talk? A discussion group for big women - Whether you wear dresses or overalls, nylons or not. For info, call Anuska at the Women's Centre: 848-7431.

Women's Spirituality: A series of videos and discussions exploring women's perspectives and experiences within various religious traditions, as well as outside. An eight session series, held Tuesdays from 4:15 - 6pm, beginning Jan 24, Annex Z, room 105.

ACADEMIC

Term Papers and written assignments? We can help you get started, organize ideas, identify problem areas. Counselling & Development: 848-3545.

Free tutoring available to students who fail the University Writing test. Info: 848-2320.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Sign-language courses at the Montreal Deaf Community Centre. Placement tests are required. 65 de Castelnau. Info: TTY: 279-8535.

Peer Helpers is a free, confidential listening service of students helping students. 2090 Mackay St. Info: 848-2859.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, a resource group for students trying to make ends meet. Info: Peer Helpers, 848-2859.

Meditation: A Tool For Self-Knowledge. These sessions will draw upon various traditions and each will include a "quiet sitting". Wednesdays 12 - 1 pm, Thursdays 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Annex Z. Info: Campus Ministry, Daryl Ross, 848-3585.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families group meets Fridays from 7 to 9 pm at the YWCA, corner Réné Lévesque and Crescent. Info: 843-5257.

Questioning your sexual orientation? Coming Out support group, confidential and friendly atmosphere. Men's Group: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, 2090 Mackay, Room 02. Women's Group: TBA. For information or individual support call the Peer Helper Centre, 848-2859.

Sign up now for workshops on communication skills, career & life planning, building relationships, study skills, loss and grieving support groups etc. For information, call Counselling & Development, 848-3545/3555.

Start Keeping a Budget: Financial Aid & Awards offers personal budgeting information sessions on Mondays at 3pm and Tuesdays at 11am. Please sign up in advance in the financial aid office LB - 085.

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Non-Nominal HIV Testing. The request for the test as well as the result are known only to your doctor. Info: Health Services, 848-3565, 848-3575.

Women and safer sex: A two hour series of two-hour workshops to help women explore some of the issues that affect our choices about safer sex, including self-esteem, sexuality, and body image. For more info leave a message at the Concordia Women's centre for Leah or Diana, 848-7431.

HIV / AIDS Eduction / Prevention Workshops for Women: Two-day workshops focus on HIV/AIDS, Sexuality and Self Esteem. Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm until the end of January. Free. to register, call Rita at the Centre for AIDS Services of Montreal (Women) 989-7997.

GENERAL

Volunteers needed to help provide services for disabled students. Info: 848-3525 (voice and TDD), Disabled Students' Services.

The NDG Anti-Poverty Group needs computer donations (286 mg. or better) and donations of office equipment & supplies. Info: 489-3548.

Yellow Door Elderly Project needs volunteers to accompany seniors to appointments. Info: Carolee or Leigh Ann: 398-6243.

Compeer Montreal, a community service which provides friendship and support to people with mental health problems, is recruiting volunteers 18 years or older to provide re-integration services to persons with mental illnesses. Info: 489-1007.

Tel-Aide needs volunteers to staff its telephone crisis line for people in distress. The line operates 24 hours a day, lending a sympathetic ear to Montrealers who are lonely, abused, out of work, emotionally scarred or suicidal. Info: 935-1105.

Prison Visit Program: An eight-week program each semester, in which students visit inmates at Archambault Prison. Volunteers must meet with a chaplain ahead of time.Orientation meeting January 17 at 1 pm, at Annex z, room 105. Info: Peter Coté, 848-3586.

Outreach Experience: participants will work with children, teens, the poor or the sick. The activity and amount of time will depend on your interests and abilities. Information: Michelina Bertone SSA, 848-3591.

Meals On Wheels Program is sekeing volunteers to assist in preparing and delivering home cooked meals for senoirs living independently at home. commitment is one monday or thursday morning a month. 8 - 10:30 am or 10:30 - noon. Call Rona 937-947 (155)

Care to listen to those who need to talk? Shalom line will be accepting new volunteers into their winter training program which starts in February Call Suzanne Herscovitch at 735-3541, ext. 3380.

Parents Without Custody is a support group for separated or divorced parents without custody of their children. an opportunity to meet with other parents in the same situation. Call Nancy Montgomery at 937-5351 local 48 to register.

STUDENT CLUBS

Concordia Undergraduate History Students' Association is back in business. Call or drop by our office, CH-222. Info: 848-7463.

Caribbean Students Union is looking for new members. All welcome. Info: H-508-1; 848-3527.

Ham Radio Class Concordia University Amateur Radio Club Hall 644-1 call 848-7421.

Concordia Queer Collective holds weekly meetings on Fridays at 5:30 pm in P-102. Information: 848-7414

Caribbean Students Union is looking for new members. Office Hall 508-1, 848-3527.

Latin American Students Organization invites all students interested in joining to visit their offices. 2010 Mackay, Rm. 02. Info: 848-3532.

International Socialists Students' Association If you'd like to become a member, or want information about meetings, actions, etc. contact: 521-1983.

Caribbean Students Union is Desperately Seeking Black Students to submit articles, photo ideas, book reviews etc, for the Link's Black History issue coming out January 25. call 848-3527 or 848-7405.

Czesc!!! Polish students' association is looking for new members. Info: Joanna, 486-5179.

Ham Radio Meetings every Tuesday. Personal two-way radio, television, UHF/VHF, satellite and computer communications by ham radio. All Welcome. 7 to 9 pm, H-644-1. Info: 848-7474.

Brasilian students interested in forming a student association, call Edna, Prado: 845-9322 or Adriana: 735-0133.

Pakistani Students Association needs volunteers to help out with events. Info: Adil, 287-0774.

Concordia Outdoors Club's new office hours are Fridays between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

Sociology & Anthropology Students Union will be holding its first general meeting on January 17 at 7 pm in LB 671-5.

Debating Society reuglar meetings starting January 13. New and old members welcome. 848-7412.

Concordia Hillel invites al its members, old & new to its general meeting and open house, jan 19 at 12pm, Annex P, room 205.

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Wanted

Wanted: Jet ink printer. 933-8315 or 591-6046.

GENERAL

Graduate Student get-togethers with the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Dean Martin Kusy would like to meet with graduate students this year on an informal basis. Sessions have been arranged for this purpose from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at our Graduate Administration Offices, 2145 Mackay Street, on the following dates: Tuesday, January 31, 1995; Monday, February 13, 1995. Our space is limited. Please reserve one of the above dates by contacting Ms. Kali Sakell at 848-3803. We look forward to seeing you.

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Senate to vote on Axworthy reforms

by Sara Scott

Concordia's Senate will decide today whether or not to follow in the footsteps of the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL) by officially rejecting the federal government's education reforms.

The Council will be bringing forward a formal motion to Senate, the body governing academic matters at Concordia.

"CCSL rejects the federal government proposals on higher education because the burden of the cost of education is transferred to the student," explained Roger Coté, director of Financial Aid and Awards. "It's going to create [financial] hardships for students."

Human Resources minister Lloyd Axworthy proposes to replace the transfer payments normally sent to the provinces for post-secondary education with an Income Contingent Loan Repayment plan. This means that the amount of the loan students would pay back after graduation would depend on their earnings. This also translates into higher tuition fees.

Although Coté is not totally against an Income Contingent Loan plan, he says the CCSL cannot support a plan that the government has not given specific design policies and administrative regulations to.

"For example, what is the minimum repayment amount after graduation?" Coté asked. "And will all the loans be contingent?"

Lana Grimes, vice-president administration of the Concordia Student Union, originally moved to reject the Axworthy proposals. She added that another reason the CCSL cannot support the "Green Paper" is because it may promote a "market-oriented" education system.

University tuition is presently regulated by the provincial government, which means that every Canadian student attending school in Quebec pays essentially the same tuition. However, according to Grimes, if universities no longer receive money via federal transfer payments, they will have to manipulate tuition fees to make up the shortfall. Different universities could charge different rates, and programs which attracted the largest number of students might be granted the most money to the detriment of less popular programs.

"Universities will support the programs they see as most profitable," said Grimes. "This means that non-traditional programs may be cut because they won't be viewed as 'marketable.'"

Coté added that students may think twice about embarking in certain fields of study where they cannot make a lot of money. The CCSL sees this as highly regressive because it changes the "role of the university to one of 'training' rather than that of a real educational institution."

On these grounds the CCSL and the Student Caucus of Senate hope that the Senate will also reject the government proposals and endorse the National Student Strike planned for January 25.

Grimes hopes that if the senate rejects the proposals, more students will be encouraged to strike.

"It's important for students to show solidarity," she said. "We should not let this opportunity go by."

Human Rights Abuse Escalates in Philippines

by Danny Chan

Political prisoners are unjustly detained and humans right violations are plaguing the Philippines, according to members of Canada's Filipino community.

Filipino-Canadians have planned protests this Friday at the Philippine consulates in Toronto and Montreal to coincide with Pope John Paul II's January 12-16 visit to that country. Capitalizing on the pontiff's high profile, the protests are designed to raise awareness of the plight of political prisoners in the Philippines.

Joe Calugay of the Montreal Coalition of Filipino Students said that despite the 1986 overthrow of dictator Ferdinand Marcos, the government of current President Fidel Ramos has actually exacerbated the situation.

"Human rights violations have increased," said Calugay. "Most people however think after the Marcos downfall, there has been more democracy."

Ramos, who succeeded Corazon Aquino as Philippine president in 1992, was a military officer responsible for carrying out martial law for Marcos in the 1970s. Calugay said Ramos has increased the size of military and paramilitary forces in the Philippines to detain and execute his opposition.

Even with greater human rights violations rampant in the Philippines, the number of political prisoners is deceptively low, said a member of the Philippine Solidarity Movement in Canada. Rick who asked that his last name not be used, said political prisoners are charged with bogus criminal acts such as murder, possession of firearms, kidnapping, and arson to keep them in jail.

"Prisoners of conscience are treated as mere criminals," said Rick. The Ramos government has consistently denied rounding up political prisoners, and occasionally releases a few prisoners of conscience as a token gesture, he said.

Ramos has rounded up farmers, peasants, and other groups who oppose his rule and he has generally disrupted life in the countryside, Rick added. According to Calugay, this has resulted in 2 million internal refugees.

International condemnation of the human rights violations in the Philippines has been slow. Foreign governments are more interested in how ties with the Philippines can benefit them economically, said Rick.

"People are taken in only on statistics," he said. "There is the façade of economic growth."

But reform is slowly mounting. Philippine Senator Bobby Tanada is one of relatively few Filipinos who have openly criticized the Ramos government's human rights violations. And the Filipino peasants and farmers, who comprise 80 per cent of the population, are now getting support from local businesses, church groups, and students.

More importantly, Philippine solidarity groups around the world are gaining momentum. Also, continued letter-writing campaigns, petitions to governments and to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and other awareness campaigns are being planned to focus international attention onto the Philippines.

Briefs

UBC's Ubyssey paper campaigns for autonomy

Ousted staff members of the Ubyssey newspaper, of the University of British Columbia, are campaigning hard this week to save their publication. In a referendum on Monday, UBC students will be asked whether they want the paper to be independently controlled and financially autonomous.

The Ubyssey was shut down for the second time this summer by the school's student union, called the Alma Mater Society (AMS). The student government eliminated the Ubyssey's democratic method of electing editors, in favour of appointing an editor-in-chief themselves. The AMS also drafted their own version of the Ubyssey's constitution, essentially removing all decision-making power from the collectively-run staff.

Siobhan Roantree, former photo editor at the Ubyssey, says the staff-in-exile is optimistic they will get the 3,000 necessary votes to win autonomy. In a similar referendum last year, the Ubyssey was 300 votes short of gaining independence.

"Voting starts on Monday, and the campaigning rules are being enforced unusually stringently," said Roantree. "They (AMS) tried to get our campaigning table removed from the student union building, and are having us register to be official campaigners, even though they never asked union candidates to do the same."

The Ubyssey is one of the oldest student newspapers in Canada, and was the springboard for such journalists as Pierre Berton, Allan Fotheringham, Joe Schlesinger, Lesley Krueger and Michael Valpy.

—Jennifer Ditchburn

Faculty put sabbatical grievance on hold

Concordia's Faculty Association (CUFA) has agreed to put its grievance against the administration on hold in an attempt to come to an agreement.

Last semester CUFA filed the grievance after interim vice-rector finance Robert Parker announced a reduction in the number of sabbaticals granted each year. According to faculty, the move was in violation of their collective agreement.

CUFA president William Knitter says that the faculty deans must reexamine the sabbatical decision, which could lead to a new set of instructions from the vice-rector. He will be meeting with the Parker today.

This year, 52 requests for sabbaticals were turned down.

—Jennifer Ditchburn

CASA says 'Yes' to Safety Patrol

Commerce and Administration students voted in favour of funding the Concordia Student Safety Patrol (CCSP) yesterday, 118 votes to 22.

Students agreed to pay $1.70 per semester towards funding the CCSP. The amount will be decreased in years to follow.

—Shira Katz

Senior Administrators' salaries to be discussed in Senate

Administrators, faculty and students alike will finally be able to have their say on the university's senior salaries policy.

Concordia's administration has seemed unwilling to discuss the senior salaries issue with professors and students, prompting the faculty association (CUFA) to bring the problem to Senate.

According to CUFA vice-president Harvey Shulman, it's a travesty that the university failed to respond adequately to CUFA's and students' concerns. "How can a University proceed without proper consultation? I don't understand it," he said.

Faculty members are angry that senior administrators—rectors, vice-rectors and deans—are permitted to keep their inflated administrative salaries even after they step down from their positions and return to professorship. This policy was decided upon and implemented in February 1993 by the Senior Salaries Committee, which deliberates behind closed doors and is accountable to no other university body.

Both the Arts and Science Faculty Council and the Commerce and Administration Faculty Council have formally passed resolutions demanding that the Policy Concerning the Remuneration of Senior Academic Administrators be immediately rescinded and that an end to such benefits to present administrators be negotiated.

Although the university administration alleges it is re-examining its salary policy, it has yet to acknowledge its plans publicly and has said nothing about the secrecy surrounding previous decisions.

Shulman sees a major problem with this self-appraisal.

"How can the administration come up with a new salary proposal when they are the beneficiaries of the old one? It is the equivalent of O.J. Simpson preparing the case for the prosecution," he said. "The administration, the senate, CUFA, the councils and students should all have a say in what senior administrators earn."

—Carol McQueen

U of Ottawa won't pass OPIRG the buck

OTTAWA (CUP)—University of Ottawa students will have to decide the future of OPIRG, the Ontario Public Interest Research Group on campus, next month.

The Student Federation of the University of Ottawa (SFUO) voted 21-5, with two abstentions, in favour of holding a referendum to withhold their funds.

"I was going to throw up, I was so irritated," says Judi Vargatoth, co-ordinator of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG), which stands to lose its funding.

Vargatoth says she thinks the SFUO wants to "eliminate any independent voice" on campus.

Third-year English and visual arts student Roland Maurice says the SFUO is "trying to clear out as many left-wing organizations as possible."

Maurice says he's "frightened" by the moves.

"If organizations like OPIRG are going to start being kicked off campuses, what's going to go next?

At a meeting Nov. 27, the SFUO decided to withhold OPIRG's funds for the winter term until it gets a student refund plan from the group.

Jared Langdon, SFUO vice-president of finance, says the referendum was called to "keep OPIRG accountable" to students. He says the group breached a contract it has with the SFUO regarding student refunds.

Student levies collected for OPIRG ($5.50 per student each year) can be refunded at individual students' request.

OPIRG is obliged to inform the student body about the refund within two days of receiving the lump sum, and promptly refund the money to students who claim it.

"It's our job to make sure they live up to the contract," says Langdon. He says repeated requests for a plan of how refunds will be publicized and administered was ignored.

But OPIRG co-ordinator Sandrine Oka says that's not true.

Oka says Langdon and Alain Gauthier, SFUO's vice-president internal, met with her and fellow OPIRG co-ordinator Oct. 12. She says they discussed OPIRG's refund plan and "everybody went home happy."

Oka says OPIRG hand-delivered a note to Gauthier with copies of publicity of the refund plan Oct. 24.

Oka says Langdon's repeated requests for OPIRG's plan was "purely harassment."

"It wasn't that they didn't receive the note," Oka says.

OPIRG ran ads in the student newspapers, La Rotonde and The Fulcrum, and the campus radio station within the required two-day period, and provided staff for double the required 108 hours required to administer refunds, fulfilling the contract.

Oka says the SFUO's action to withhold OPIRG's money is illegal because the group is independent of the federation.

"We'll get a lawyer to look it through. Because we know we're right," she says.

"The only time our money can be withheld is if we have a referendum and we lose," she says. "But I know we won't."

Oka says she believes students will support OPIRG in the referendum, which will be held with student elections in February. She says a referendum was held two years ago to decide if the student levy for OPIRG should increase to $5.50 from $5.00, and OPIRG won.

"A large majority said, 'Yes,'" Oka says, "not only to OPIRG but to increasing the student levy."

Retailers boycott paper company

Rallying behind Lubicon Cree Nation's land rights claims

photo by Justin Rochefort

TORONTO (CUP)—More than 40 Canadian companies are boycotting the Daishowa-Marubeni International paper-manufacturing corporation in support of the Lubicon Lake Cree Nation's land rights claims in northern Alberta.

Following in the footsteps of 4,400 retailers across Canada, the SoapBerry Shop's 40 Canadian stores are the latest to stop buying paper products from Daishowa, according to Friends of the Lubicon, a Toronto-based support group.

Other companies supporting the boycott include Roots, Club Monaco, A&W, and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"Every company which Friends of the Lubicon have approached willingly supports the boycott, and others have complied with the boycott for fear of negative publicity," said Stephen Kenda, spokesperson for the group.

Holt Renfrew, Woolworth Canada, and Pizza Pizza were the toughest to persuade, Kenda said.

Friends of the Lubicon launched the boycott in 1991 to protest Daishowa's plans to clear-cut what the group says is unceded Cree territory in the Lubicon Lake region.

The group says disputes over land claims have been going on in the area for more than 50 years.

"The Lubicon have never historically ceded their territory in any recognizable manner, and they have been trying to get the ear of the government for the past 55 years," Kenda said.

Daishowa has been postponing its plans to log on Lubicon-claimed land since 1991.

But Friends of the Lubicon is concerned that the corporation will go ahead with its clear-cutting plans for this year's winter logging season because the company has timber leases from the Alberta government for the entire 10,000 square kilometres of disputed territory.

According to the group, Daishowa made an agreement in 1988 not to log on the disputed territory until a land rights settlement was reached between the federal government and the 500-member Lubicon band.

However, Daishowa broke the agreement in 1990 when one of its subcontractors attempted to begin logging operations in the area.

"You can never tell with them because the last time, they told the Lubicon they were going to stay out, but they moved in. So each winter is the cause of great stress and tension," Kenda said.

"All we're asking them to do is just come out and say that they're going to stay out until the land rights are settled."

But Jim Morrison, general manager of Daishowa's Edmonton office, says no agreement was reached in 1988. Daishowa agreed to stay out of the 246-square-kilometre Lubicon reserve area—not the entire disputed territory, he said.

Morrison also denied that one of Daishowa's subcontractors ever attempted to clear-cut in the disputed territory.

"There has never been any logging, or any harvesting activity, by us under the forest management agreement in the area concerned," Morrison said.

Daishowa has no connections with the company that tried to move into the territory in 1990, he said.

"You're hearing them describe other companies who have logging rights in the same area," said Morrison.

According to Morrison, Daishowa will stay out of the disputed territory this winter.

"As a voluntary measure, we have not started logging operations in the area of concern, but that's not because we made an agreement. It's because we're trying to show some sensitivity to the difficult situation with respect to the land claim," he said.

Morrison said that because of the complexity of the issue the corporation's position has been misrepresented, and that Daishowa has gone out of its way not to log in the area and to encourage parties to settle. But it doesn't have answers for the land claims dispute.

"I don't think the answer is to attack third parties and make up stories about their activities," Morrison said. "We're not the villain. We're just sort of caught in the middle."

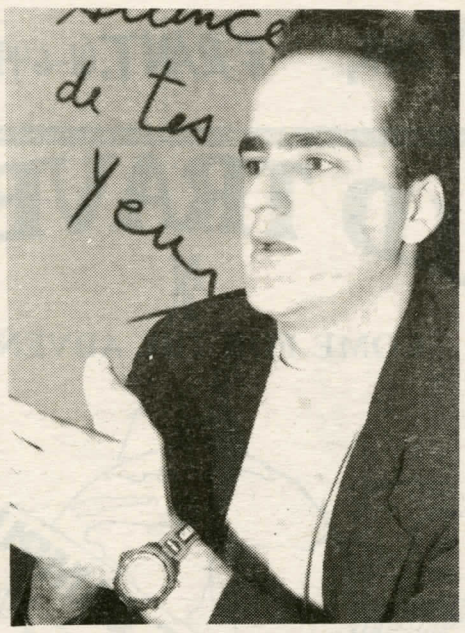
Eventually, Morrison said, the Alberta government itself will begin pressuring Daishowa to begin logging the disputed territory.

Games and resolutions

by Meredith Adolph

The exhibit at the Galerie Trois Points consists of three portraits, each about 2m x 1.5m and enclosed in a frame-like glass and metal box. This is the second time that these pieces by Montreal artist **Martin Boisseau** have been displayed; only several years ago, each piece was shown individually and in a very different form. Each portrait is a physical representation of a 'game' played between artist and buyer, since each piece bought is replaced by some essence of its new owner.

This fresh concept and design is the mastermind of Montreal artist Martin Boisseau, when between 1991-93, each portrait was shown individually and in a very different form, where each separate piece could easily be removed from the whole. The original displays ignited the game and its' rules between Boisseau and prospective buyers. The first rule is that different sections could be purchased, but the buyer must agree to having his or her picture taken. The black-and-white photo would be then added to the portrait, taking the place of a fragment from the original painting.



Artist Martin Boisseau

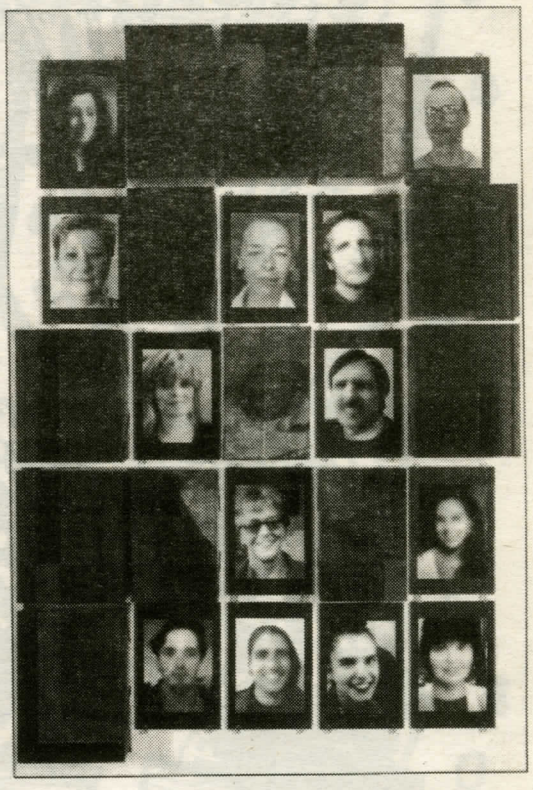
Another personal theme is contained within each metal and glass frame, in addition to the buyer-artist exchange. Certain objects, seen only by the two parties are placed inside, such as pieces of audio equipment, or things belonging to the paintings' subjects. Boisseau's idea is to create a bond, an additional memory to keep frozen in time. Boisseau had been given an old pair of jeans belonging to artist Serge Lemoyne, which, at the painting's first exhibit in 1991, were cut up and placed into each box. A small canvas painted by artist and historian Marcel Saint-Pierre was placed into a box at that portrait's exhibit in 1992.

The third rule is that the artist has control over the buyers' images. For the first piece, the photos were simple Kodak-moment pictures. The photos for the second piece were taken with the new owners standing with their backs to the camera, an extension of a metaphor used in the original painting; turning things by 180 degrees and then looking at them (part of the portrait is painted on mirror glass). The third piece, a portrait of writer Fernande Saint-Martin, had been painted with the features slightly blurred. In keeping with the painting, the photos were taken out of focus.

"One is not conscious of having played a game until the game is over. Once it has ended, then one can say that a game has taken place," says the artist. The enclosure of his work in the glass and metal cases indicates that the game has ended, yet the cases stand on sets of wheels. The work can no longer be altered, but the pieces can be moved around. Does this mean that the game isn't over? Boisseau doesn't say.

What's the game all about, anyway? The exhibit's title - Resolutions - implies that something important has taken place. But there's more to it than the spectator-objet d'art interaction. The buyers' choices of which sections to buy involved more than the simple factor of liking or disliking a piece. Some people decided that they didn't want their photo next to that of a certain person, and so chose a different section. Others wanted to take part in this game of exchange but didn't agree with the philosophies of the portrait's subject, and so bought a piece of a different portrait. Martin Boisseau's game is a reflection of our own personal people-games.

The exhibit continues at the Galerie Trois Points, 372 Ste Catherine West, Suite 520, 866-8008, until February 4th.



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LIGHTNING SEEDS
JOLLIFICATION
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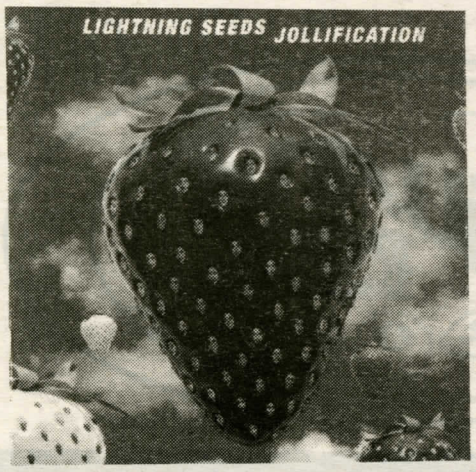
by Stephanie Pajevic



Jollification, **Lightning Seeds'** latest effort, is a brilliant album with a wide-range of influences which include 80's ultra-pop and some of the Manchester sound. The music floats out smoothly from the speakers- every song on this album is good. From light pop to slow, breathy tunes *Jollification* has it all. Lightning Seeds are in the same league as all the Manchester greats, including **The Stone Roses** and **The Charlatans U.K.**

The album offers a variety of vocalists, including a blast from the past. Deep voiced Alison Moyet sings lead vocals on *My Best Day,* and does backing vocals on the rest of the album. Her contribution on this album is probably one of the reasons why *Jollification* has a bit of an 80's sound.

"Now tomorrow's here today/and yesterday's todays just fade away," sings Ian Broudie while reflecting on the past in the song *Perfect*. The soft, plaintive tune is reminiscent of **The Beatles'** *Sergeant Peppers* phase, and the gentle piano chords played in the background add to the melancholy of the song.

Another gem is *Why, why, why*, a light pop song offering up a wide range of synthesizer sounds and effects on top of extremely short and repetitious lyrics, sung by a young woman. While the music is deceptively light and happy, Broudie's lyrics are ironic and slightly sadistic. This quality is especially brought out in *Marvellous*. *"Oh you hope to fit, but you're fit to drop/ So open up the window and jump into the blue/ Things could be marvellous, things could be fabulous."*

Band members Ian Broudie and Simon Rogers play all the instruments on this album and Broudie's voice is accompanied by five backing singers. *Jollification* is a successful experiment with synthesizers and strong use of backing vocals. This is truly one of the best albums of '94.

THE CRAMPS
FLAMEJOB
WARNER

by Jon Richler

Whoo boy. *Flamejob* hits that ol' nostalgia string in your post-adolescent mind, your gin-guzzlin' liver, and most importantly, your libido. Back with a vengeance, **Lux Interior** and **Poison Ivy** fire up your motor oil in the timeless style of rockabilly sex music.

Flamejob hits all the right spots, and your calves will go rock hard if you leg flop and/or twist to any part of this album. Starting off on the right foot is *Mean Machine*, a third gear raging call out to any person who thinks they're bad-ass.

Follow up closely as we go right into fifth, the first single *Ultra Twist*, proves the theory that rocknroll = sex. Even better is their call for fashion: wear skin-tight clothes, jingle-jangle spurs, *"and many other shiny new/dementional things"* Picture your roommates in that while fryin' up a tasty grease-laden breakfast. MMMM, smell them grits.

Once again, Cramps music translates into violent, seductive imagery. In between the simple two-chord pump tracks, look for fiery red Roadmasters running over armadillos, the devil wailing on a Fender Mustang guitar, sacrifices to the god of rocknroll, and leather-clad parents dancing in the living room. Don't forget the essential red lighting everywhere you look.

Too much for one sitting? Can't live up to the Mr. Wild Man of Rocknroll lifestyle? Fear not, the interplanetary psychobillies take a few breaks here and there, and we slow down to amber light speed with a **Gene Vincent** homage in *Blues Blues Blues*, where Lux's vocals huh-ha all over the place. Also included is the sassiest version of *Route 66* I ever did hear.

The blue ribbon goes to the second single: *Let's Get Fucked Up*. The ultimate ice-breaker at congressional parties, toy conventions, and bank line-ups. They not only promise to make one big grease spot outta this town, but their new peg is psycho-pathia-sexuass. The Cramps, unlike Guns n Roses, can seriously label themselves as the ultimate degenerate, and get away with it.

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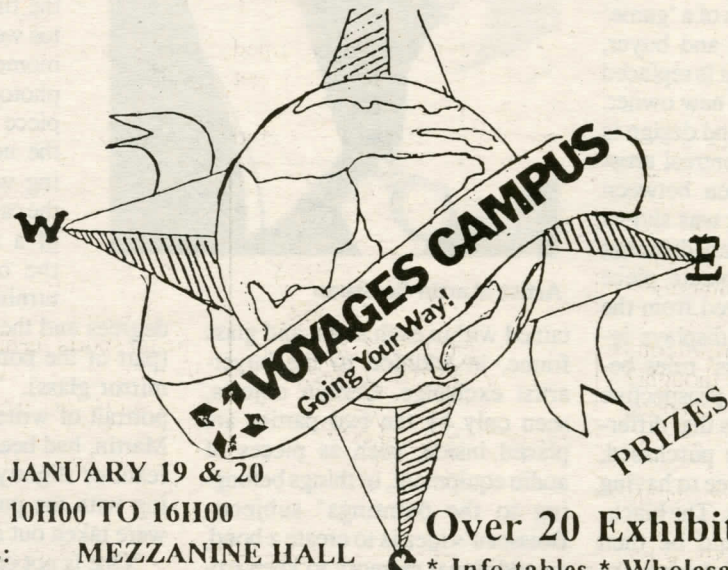

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Mainstream media rediscover amateur sports

Comment

by Marie-Chantal Côté

Now that the hockey strike is over, I am wondering whether or not the sudden, although appreciated mainstream coverage of college, university and junior sports events, will still be noticeable.

In the last months, junior hockey teams, university basketball teams, even bantam BB hockey teams have received enormous attention from the mainstream media. These ones usually focus on the professional sports, but this time they were really stuck. Two simultaneous strikes. Who would have thought?

French and English newspapers, television news programs and radio stations filled empty sports pages and time slots with game reviews, profiles and commentaries related to amateur sports, without really looking at the amateur athletes comittment to their sport.

But how easily did they turn to these athletes, the real ones who practice their sports because they love it; not because of the inflated salaries they receive or because it gives them a chance to make the front page of *Sports Illustrated*. Canadian student athletes receive no salary for their performance. They don't even receive the enormous annual scolarships earned by American student athletes. But they give it their all.

It's about time the media turned to those athletes who rarely get recognized for their efforts.

"We very definitely (covered

more university and junior events)," *Gazette* sports editor Red Fisher said. "We had a lot more space, and when you don't fill it up (with pro-sports), it leaves room for other things."

But, they still managed to omit succesful athletes in their coverage. Women sports didn't become a priority, nor did low-profile sports such as wrestling or rugby. But, we did see coverage of NCAA basketball and football games.

We must acknowledge that the strike might have been the only way to grab mainstream media's attention, and that this attention did attract more fans. For example, the Shrine Bowl, a football game between McGill and Concordia attracted, this year, the highest number of fans in Concordia's football history.

All we can wish for is that this trend won't end now that mainstream sports media don't have "a lot more space" anymore.

"I think that it's the upside (of these events)," explained Rob Faulds, Sports Broadcaster at *CFCF*. "We started to do it (cover amateur sports). We liked it, and we'll keep on doing it. We realized that there is an audience for it."

With hockey scheduled to start next Friday, we'll just have to wait and see if corporate sponsors will also support this trend, in the long run.

Maybe the strike was beneficial after all.

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Men's basketball		Women's basketball
1. Winnipeg	CIAU	1. Winnipeg
2. Brandon		2. Laurentian
3. McMaster		3. Manitoba
4. Alberta		4. Victoria
5. Victoria		5. Western
6. Concordia		6. Toronto
7. Ryerson		**7. Concordia**
8. Brock		8. Dalhousie
9. Toronto		9. Laval
10. Dalhousie		10. Calgary

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Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
1. Concordia	**3**	**3**	**0**	**240**	**200**	**6**
2. Bishop's	3	2	1	220	203	4
3. McGill	3	1	2	208	206	2
4. Laval	3	0	3	193	252	0

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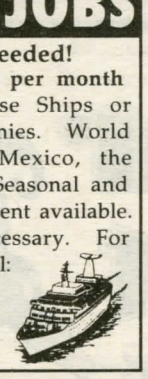

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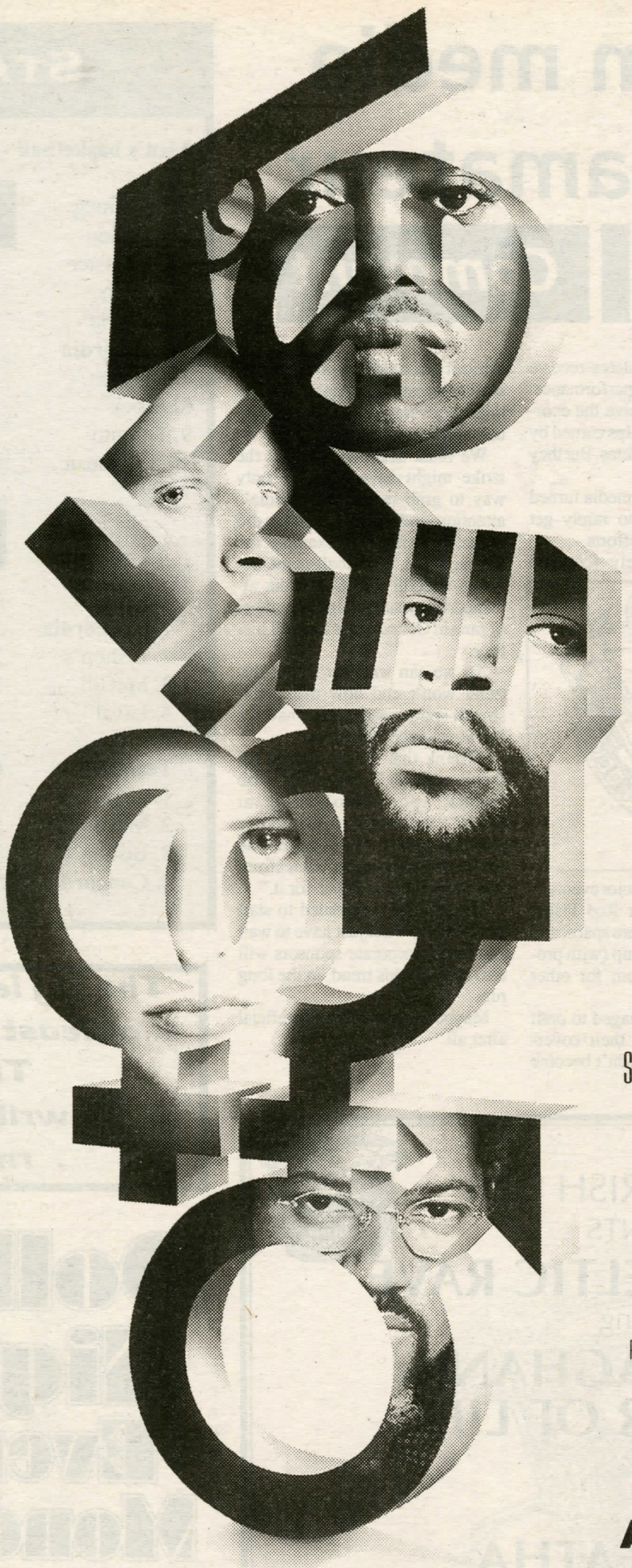

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